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President John L. Valentine, Chair
Speaker Greg J. Curtis, Vice Chair
Legislative Management Committee
State Capitol Complex
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Subject: 2007 Study Items for the Business and Labor Interim Committee

Dear President Valentine and Speaker Curtis:

The chairs of the Business and Labor Interim Committee have completed their initial study item prioritization for the 2007 interim. The chairs' goal is to have the Committee discuss this prioritization at the April 18th meeting, which may result in further refinement of this list. The chairs propose that the Committee study the following general items:

- **Basic Small Business Health Plan:** study feasibility of a health insurance product which is available to small businesses and not subject to selected traditional mandates
- **Financial Services:** study availability and regulation of financial services including deferred deposit lending ("payday lending") and savings opportunities for low and moderate income families
- **Licensing:** examine particular industries licensed by the state, including psychologists and their ability to prescribe medications, professional employer organizations, and certain trades in the construction industry
- **Provision of Business Resource Services:** study the creation of business resource centers as one-stop guidance centers to provide business support, education, sources of funding, training, and networking to Utah businesses
- **Verification of Employment Status:** study employers' participation in the federal employment eligibility verification programs

In addition to these items, the Committee may conduct a sunset review related to the State Construction Registry and receive other required reports under its topical area. As time permits and the need arises, additional items may be added as part of the Committee's general oversight responsibilities.

Sincerely,

Kevin VanTassell, Senate Chair
Business and Labor Interim Committee

Stephen D. Clark, House Chair
Business and Labor Interim Committee